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Jon Rush
Gold Rush Metals LLC
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Dear Mr. Rush:

We have completed the initial review of your Plan of Operations (POO), for your proposed mining activity located in T. 7 S., R. 18 W., Sections 23, 26 and 35, Salt Lake Base & Meridian, and serialized it UTU-090510 and have determined it to be incomplete at this time.

You will need to correct the following deficiencies before we can approve your POO.

Part 1 - Operator Information: Your business name on the POO you submitted to our office on April, 2, 2014, was "Scheelite Metals LLC", but the name you submitted on your "Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations" (NOI) to the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining (DOGM), on January 6, 2014, and the original information you sent our office on February 26, 2014, has your business name as "Gold Rush Metals LLC". The name will need to be consistent with both the DOGM and the Bureau of Land Management Salt Lake Field Office (BLM).

In Part 1, under the "Unpatented Mining Claim" section, you have the "Stardust Upper and Stardust Lower" mining claims, but you fail to show them on the one map you submitted with your POO and you don't mention them in your NOI submitted to the DOGM. If they are part of your proposed mining, please be consistent with your POO and NOI and show them on one or more of your future maps.

In Part 1, under "Other Federal, State, or Local Authorizations", you mention in your POO that you will be using explosives during your proposed mining, but you do not list any authorizations (permit or license with the proper authority) that you may have for the use of explosives. Please furnish the proper information (authorization) for the use (handling, storage and detonation) of explosives for your proposed mining.

Part 2 - Description of Operation and Reclamation: You failed to accurately describe your proposed mining activity location. In the POO you submitted to this office you failed to give the Township, Range or Section(s) (including access), of your proposed mining activity.

In Part 2, under "Mining Areas/Underground Workings", you failed to adequately describe exactly what equipment would be used for your mining activity, including type and size of excavators, dozers, crushers, conveyors etc., explosives, chemicals, water etc. and where support equipment/vehicles (fuel storage, welders, tools, vehicles, equipment) were going to be placed and stored. Please submit a more thorough written description, conceptual designs, maps, flowcharts, cross sections (pre and post mining), schematics and any other diagrams needed at a proper scale or explanation so we can have a **full and complete** understanding of your proposed mining operation, including material handling, processing and reclamation from cradle to grave.

In Part 2, under, "Mineral Processing Facilities", you failed to adequately describe your mill location and process. Please include the mill location on one or more of your maps and possibly a flowchart diagram of your processing circuit and equipment at the mill.

In Part 2, under "Waste Rock/Tailing Disposal" and "Topsoil Salvage, Handling and Replacement", topsoil (growth medium) is different than overburden, overburden is different than waste rock and waste rock is different than tailings. You will need to specify how you are going to handle (store, protect, process etc.) each of these different types of material (if applicable) during your proposed mining operation, both at the mine and at the mill.

In Part 2, under "Rock Characterization and Handling Plans" you stated "The ore characterization is quite brittle", but we are looking for the chemical characterization of the rock not just its physical properties, especially if you plan to return processed rock back to BLM lands for reclamation.

In Part 2, under "Vegetation Reestablishment/Weed Control", you stated the BLM will provide "seed" for your reclamation. The BLM will provide a seed mix list, but you will need to purchase the seed for your reclamation. Please include a statement to that effect when you submit your POO revision. Also, you will need to insert a statement about how you may control noxious weeds during and after your mining operations.

Also in Part 2, you failed to provide an adequate schedule from project start-up through final closure, identifying major phases such as development, mining, processing and reclamation. Please include this in your POO revision.

Part 3 - Monitoring Plan: You stated "Scheelites' monitoring plan is still in development." The BLM cannot move forward toward the approval of your POO until we have a "complete" POO to use in the environmental analysis (EA) of your proposed mining activity. Please submit this information with your next revision.

Part 4 - Interim Management Plan: This would tie in with Part 2, a schedule from start to finish, with how the area will be managed during periods of inactivity longer than 30 days.

Part 5 - Reclamation Cost Estimate: You submitted a reclamation cost estimate of \$30,900, calculated by the DOGM. Before the BLM can concur with the DOGMs amount, we will need to have a complete POO.

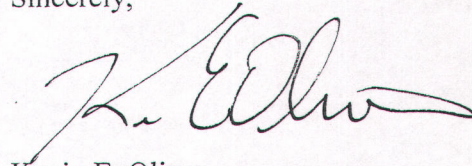
In addition, you will also need to inform this office who your third party contractor(s) would be to complete the cultural clearance, threatened and endangered plant and animal clearances and who will prepare the EA on the impacts to the human environment from your planned mining activity.

Once these deficiencies are corrected we can resume the approval process for your POO.

Please make sure you read and answer **all** of the above mentioned deficiencies/suggestions to the best of your ability, and wait to submit **one** revision with **all** of the above mentioned deficiencies/suggestions answered. Sending partial revisions will only delay the review time needed to approve your POO. Also, please title the revision "**UTU-090510, First Revision**".

If you have any questions or concerns with anything discussed in this letter please contact Larry Garahana, Salt Lake Field Office Geologist at (801) 977-4371.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Kevin E. Oliver', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Kevin E. Oliver
District Manager

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